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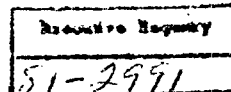
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The Honorable William J. Casey
 Director
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

This Committee is undertaking an investigation of the acquisition and use of telecommunications throughout the government. While current estimates indicate that five to ten percent of the federal budget is expended on this technology, there are no specific figures available showing how much and where this money is being spent.

Part of this problem lies in the complexity and difficulty in defining telecommunications. In an age of advancing technology, the interface between telecommunications and information processing has become increasingly blurred. Hybrid systems and "enhanced" services now offer a mixture of technologies that reach far beyond the basic telephone or the stand-alone computer.

Notwithstanding, I believe it is essential that Congress and the public have a full understanding of the magnitude of this investment. This is particularly critical as the Congress considers legislation that may impact substantially on this area. I, therefore, request that you provide the necessary information to complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to this Committee by January 15, 1982. Arrangements have been made with the General Accounting Office to review and validate agency responses and I would appreciate your full cooperation with the GAO on this matter. If you have any questions, please contact the Committee office on 225-5051.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JACK BROOKS
 Chairman

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